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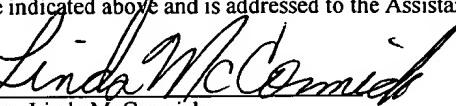
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

In claim 3, line 18, replace "claim 1 or 2" with --claim 1--.

**REMARKS**

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claim 3.

Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.